

# OMEQ PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | WEEK 2



### CALENDAR DATES AUGUST

Monday 18th: Book Week celebrations  
Dress up parade & Community  
Reading Walk

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>: Division Sports Bairnsdale

Thursday 21st: Ski Program Day 3

Thursday 28th: Ski Program Day 4

**School assemblies held fortnightly  
on Fridays at 2:45pm in the Music  
Room, commencing this Friday 1st  
August. All welcome!**

### BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LANDYN  
WHO IS OUR ONLY AUGUST BABY!

### SCHOOL DETAILS

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A super busy time at Omeo PS. Last week the school council were happy to make a minor change in uniform. The school beanies are the only hat that can be worn in Term 3, (except for students that Dojo Redeem).

Last week we also had our first day of the Ski Program. We were fortunate to have a beautiful "BlueBird" day. Hoping for more of the same this week.

Athletics at Swift's Creek P-12, Tambo campus was a fun day. We were lucky with glorious weather and a huge thank you to the Vocational Learning Team for putting on a sausage sizzle – gold coin donations going to "Make a Wish foundation".

The big school project of "incubating chicks" has commenced. We are hoping that in two weeks, we will have some baby chicks for students to look after.

Please can we be mindful of contents of lunchboxes? Lollies are not recommended during the school day, please ensure there is plenty to eat. If possible, avoid single use plastic! As part of our BTN reflection this week, we learned about the damage this causes to our planet.

Sarah Crompton  
Acting Principal

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### Junior Rotary Award

We've had a few questions recently about the Junior Rotary Award (JRA), with some students feeling unsure about how to complete it. While the information pack and booklet for the JRA are sent to schools for distribution, the award is designed to be completed outside of school time. The responsibility lies with students, with the support of their families.

If your child is finding certain parts challenging, please contact Sarah or Nita to discuss how the school might be able to assist.

The upcoming CWA Cultural Lunch is a fantastic opportunity for students to complete the *cultural experience* component of the JRA. Omeo PS is currently working with the High Country CWA branch to make arrangements for student attendance.

If you're unsure whether your child is working towards their JRA, we encourage you to have a chat with them about it!

### Division Sports

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete in the Division Sports in Bairnsdale next week.

Kyah Kewish- 1500m, long jump, high jump, triple jump, 800m

Arle Kewish- 1500m, triple jump, long jump, 800m

Chloe Mitchell- long jump, hurdles, 100m, 200m, high jump, triple jump

Ruby Braithwaite- high jump, discus, shot put

Dusty Gardiner- high jump, 100m, long jump, discus

Holly Mitchell- hurdles, triple jump, long jump, shot put

Mila Ayton- hurdles, shot put, 100m, triple jump, long jump

Lola Freestone- discus

Evelyn Fitzgerald- shot put, discus

Landyn Snape- shot put, high jump

Jed Keevers- 200m, discus

Ben Parry- 200m, shot put, high jump

Imogen Fitzgerald- discus, shot put

Josh Pendergast- high jump, long jump

Students can compete in up to 4 events each.

Good luck to them all!

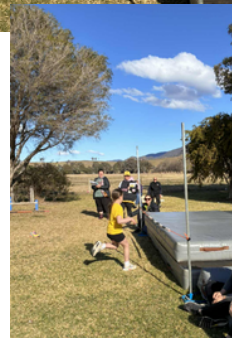
### HIGH COUNTRY ATHS SPORTS RESULTS!!!

Place	House	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sugar Gliders	1106
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mountain Pygmy Possums	1077
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Powerful Owls	764

#### Age Group Champions

Age Group	Girls Champion	Points
6 and under	Marceline McKenzie	76
7-year-old	Isla Kewish	88
8-year-old	Bronte Topperwien	60
9-year-old	Chloe Mitchell	80
10-year-old	Kyah Kewish	76
11-year-old	Raven Cusack	74
12 and over	Mila Ayton	74

Age Group	Boys Champion	Points
6 and under	Massitati Halafihi	68
7-year-old	Kelly Domegracia & Kai Greaves	68
8-year-old	Slade Cusack	69
9-year-old	Cain Cusack	78
10-year-old	Landyn Snape	84
11-year-old	Dustin Gardiner	84
12 and over	Aiden Strong	74



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## JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Over the last fortnight we have been getting into the swing of Term 3 with lots of learning (and a little bit of fun!).

This week we will finish our reading of the 6 short listed books in the Early Childhood section of the CBCA Book of the Year Awards. We will be completing a review of our favourite book before reading the books in the Picture Book of the Year category. Year 3's are reading books from the Younger Readers shortlist. We look forward to hearing which books are the 2025 winners!

In writing we have been working hard finishing our belonging writing for the Writers Showcase and also entering into the CBCA Book Week writing competition through the library. To finish off our unit on narratives students are writing a 'free choice' narrative, following the structure of opening, problem, climax, resolution and hopefully having their characters learn a lesson through a moral. Today as part of National Science Week we tuned into an online session with author and illustrator Matt Cosgrove. Matt read us his new book *Alpaca's in Space*, and we thought about what plants in space could look like. This is part of research that the ARC Centre of Excellence is conducting for their Plants for Space (P4S) program. We will be completing further work in this area as part of our unit on information texts later this term.

In maths we are delving deep into the concept of multiplication, and beginning to connect this learning with the reverse operation of division. Each week we are reading a maths based picture story book with *Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom* being enjoyed last week to help us with our place value learning, while the hilarious *Minnie's Diner* was great this week to get us thinking about the concept of doubling.



Last Thursday the Grade 1-3 students commenced a 4 week coding program at the Shire Library using program Scratch. We are very grateful to the wonderful team at the library for facilitating this, they sure do go above and beyond for our kids. Students in these year levels will bring home log in details and instruction sheets to continue this learning at home if desired.

Many thanks, Kate Freestone.

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**How to move a zoo STEM challenge**

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK ZARA BRAITHEWAITE

For displaying the qualities of a learner. Well done Zara for always trying your best with learning tasks and remaining focussed. You keep surprising me with all you can do and are developing some real leadership qualities in the classroom.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK ALYX-LILY WELLS

For showing the qualities of being responsible. Well done Alyx-Lily for following teacher instructions during pack up time and working well as part of a team. It is great when you ask for help with your learning and even better that you have a go yourself first before asking!



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## SENIOR CLASS NEWS

Students in grade 4,5 and 6 have been exploring a number of different ways to solve multiplication problems. The Lattice method has proven to be popular amongst students simplifying how to solve very large multiplication sums. Ask your children to show you how it is done. It is a bit of a game changer!

We are also learning about Probability. We have played a lot of different games such as "Snakes and Ladders" to show how chance and luck have a lot to do with outcomes. Learning to play Yahtzee has extended students understanding through discovering that strategy can also improve the chance of winning.

In Literacy activities we have been exploring spelling sounds such as "k."-**ck** (kick), **ch** (chaos), **k** (kite), **c** (culture), **que** (unique) all can make the sound within words. We have learnt about how to read and write a Report, continued enjoying books through Silent Reading and explored features and content of books in Guided Reading groups.

We have just completed our "Belonging" stories which have been sent to Lakes Entrance to be included in the Writers Festival. We are now retelling fairytales to practice our writing skills further.

We have started practicing our end of the year play. This year we are performing Shrek. While some students have been given parts (through auditioning and chosen by the rest of the class,) there are still parts that need to be allocated. All students in the school will be included in the play. More details will be given as we progress with rehearsals.

In Humanities this term, students are exploring Economics. Different groups have invented a town, looking at the important shops and industries needed. They have almost completed 'birds eye' maps. We have looked at different aspects of Economics each week. Students have been very engaged in this activity.

It was great to watch the students enjoying and participating in the Athletics sports in Swift's Creek last week. Thanks Nat for assisting me with the events I was taking. Your knowledge and skills made it so much easier.

I would like to welcome our new student Travis to our classroom this week. A lot of students already know him as he has attended Omeo Primary School in the past.

Nita Shaw.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK BENJAMIN PARRY

Ben has demonstrated how to be a great learner. Ben works well in all subject areas.

He is always focussed and on task. Ben writes imaginative stories, reads with expression and has shown excellent growth in mathematics. Ben is a pleasure to teach and is a great role model to other students.

Well done Ben.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK ARIAH JENNER

Ariah is always enthusiastic in our classroom and tries her hardest in all activities. She is a quiet, friendly student who is always happy and cooperative. Even though Ariah is a part time student, she is showing great improvement in her reading, writing and mathematics skills. Thank you for demonstrating how to be an excellent learner. Well done Ariah.



**PFC**



**DADS AND/OR SPECIAL PERSON ARE INVITED!**

# **FOOTY MATCH**

**FRIDAY 5 SEPT  
1:30 PM - 3:15 PM**

- **WEAR FOOTY COLOURS**
- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH**
- **FATHERS DAY CRAFT**



**GOLD COIN DONATION FOR  
WEARING FOOTY COLOURS**

**KIDS**

**VS**

**DADS**

**OMEO PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SCHOOLS AS HUBS

### Kindergym with Lily Hawkins

#### Omeo Hall

Dates for Term Three:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July

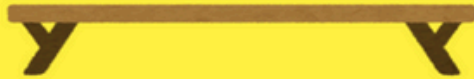
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

9.30 to 10.15 a.m.

Ages 0-5 Years  
No cost



**Uniting**

## SCHOOLS AS HUBS

### Omeo Rhyme Time with Emma Chapman

East Gippsland Shire  
Council Office - Omeo

**Held fortnightly on Fridays**

Dates for Term Three:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 to 10.45 a.m.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Book Week & Community Reading Walk

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

All parents are welcome to join in with the celebrations.

Dress up as your favourite book character.

**Parade commencing at 9.30 am - Omeo Primary School**

Followed by a walk around town, with readers from the community located at various venues. The kindergarten students and pre-school families will join the Prep-6 school students to be part of this event. The walk will commence after the parade at approximately 10.15 a.m.